

320.210 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners;
- (2) "Practice of optometry" means:
 - (a) The employment of any means including the administration of pharmaceutical agents, except controlled substances classified in Schedules I and II, as authorized in KRS 320.240, except surgery in examination, diagnosis, and treatment of the human eye and its appendages, to determine the visual efficiency of the human eye, or to determine the powers or defects of vision, provided that superficial foreign bodies may be removed from the eye and its appendages;
 - (b) The prescribing, providing, furnishing, adapting, using, or employing lenses, prisms, contact lenses, visual training, orthoptics, ocular exercise, autorefraction, or any other means or device including pharmaceutical agents, except controlled substances classified in Schedules I and II, as authorized in KRS 320.240, excluding the use of surgery for the aid, relief, or correction of the human eye and its appendages; and
 - (c) Low vision rehabilitation;
- (3) "Appendages" means the eyelids, the eyebrows, the conjunctiva, and the lacrimal apparatus;
- (4) "Visual aid glasses" means eyeglasses, spectacles, or lenses designed or used to correct visual defects; provided, however, that nothing in the provisions of this chapter relating to the practice of optometry shall be construed to limit or restrict, in any respect, the sale of sunglasses designed and used solely to filter out light; and further provided that nothing in this chapter relating to the practice of optometry shall be construed to limit or restrict, in any respect, the sale of completely assembled eyeglasses or spectacles designed and used solely to magnify;
- (5) "Orthoptic technician" means a person who trains and directs individuals to engage in ocular exercises designed to correct visual defects, and shall not be required to be licensed under the provisions of this chapter if such training and directions are done pursuant to and under the instructions of a duly-licensed physician, osteopath, or optometrist and consists solely of visual training, orthoptics, or ocular exercises; and
- (6) "Low vision rehabilitation" means the evaluation, diagnosis, and management of the low vision patient, including but not limited to, prescription, low vision rehabilitation therapy, education, and interdisciplinary consultation when indicated. Any person who prescribes or provides comprehensive low vision care for the rehabilitation and treatment of the visually impaired or legally blind patient; prescribes corrective eyeglasses, contact lenses, prisms, or filters; employs any means for the adaptation of lenses, low vision devices, prisms, or filters; evaluates the need for, recommends, or prescribes optical, electronic, or other low vision devices; or recommends or provides low vision rehabilitation services independent

of a clinical treatment plan prescribed by an optometrist, physician, or osteopath is engaged in the practice of optometry.

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